

MATURE READERS (grades 9-12)

Chee, Traci. **The Reader**. Set in a world where reading is unheard-of, Sefia makes use of a mysterious object to track down who kidnapped her aunt Nin and what really happened the night her father was murdered.

Kaufman, Amie. **Illuminae**. The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.

Nguyen, Viet Thanh. **The Sympathizer**. A Viet Cong agent spies on a South Vietnamese army general and his compatriots as they start a new life in 1975 Los Angeles.

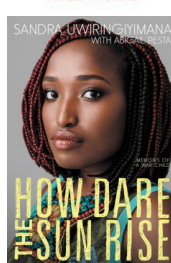
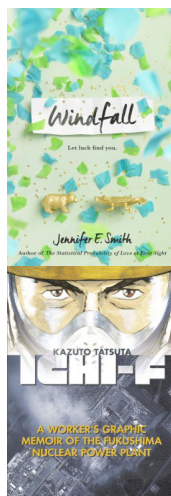
Niven, Jennifer. **All the Bright Places**. Told in alternating voices, when Theodore Finch and Violet Markey meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school, both teetering on the edge, it's the beginning of an unlikely relationship, a journey to discover the "natural wonders" of the state of Indiana, and two teens' desperate desire to heal and save one another.

Smith, Jennifer E. **Windfall**. Alice doesn't believe in luck—at least, not the good kind. But she does believe in love, and for some time now, she's been pining for her best friend, Teddy. On his eighteenth birthday—just when it seems they might be on the brink of something—she buys him a lottery ticket on a lark. To their astonishment, he wins \$140 million, and in an instant, everything changes.

Tatsuta, Kazuto. **Ichi-F: A Worker's Graphic Memoir of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant**. This is the story of a man who took a job. Kazuto Tatsuta was an amateur artist who signed onto the dangerous task of cleaning up the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant, which the workers came to call "Ichi-F."

Thomas, Angie. **The Hate U Give**. Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Uwiringiyimana, Sandra. **How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child**. This profoundly moving memoir is the remarkable and inspiring true story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.



THE PANDA BOOK AWARDS SHORTLISTS 2017-2018

Compiled by the Panda Awards Steering Committee

Every school year, the Panda Steering Committee promotes the Panda Book Awards reading initiative and publicizes lists of highly recommended books for readers in international schools in China. The four reading categories are: Younger Readers (EC3-grade 2); Middle Readers (grades 3-5); Older Readers (grades 6-8); and Mature Readers (grades 9-12). Each list consists of eight to ten titles that span a wide range of genres. Students are encouraged to read as many books from the list as possible and are invited to vote for their favorite book in the weeks after Chinese New Year.

The reading initiative is the responsibility of the Panda Steering Committee, a group of international librarians in China. These professionals volunteer to read, review and discuss book titles submitted by other librarians or students. The goal of the Panda Book Awards initiative is to instill an enduring love of reading and to take students on an exciting reading adventure.

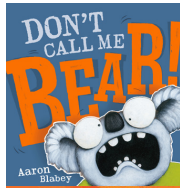
The Panda Book Awards initiative is now in its tenth year and its popularity has grown tremendously. During the first year, five international schools participated in voting. This year, fifty international schools joined the initiative, and over 7,000 students cast their votes.

In the fall, the Panda 2017-2018 books should be available at all participating schools. In the meantime, explore the hand-out and put the Panda titles on your summer reading list. Also visit the website <http://pandabookawards.wikispaces.com/> for more details on the Panda reading initiative.



SHORTLISTS 2017-2018

(Books are listed in alphabetical order by author)



YOUNGER READERS (EC 3-grade 2)

Blabey, Aaron. **Don't Call Me Bear!** Meet Warren, the koala. He might be cute. He might be furry. But whatever you do - DON'T CALL HIM BEAR!

Byrne, Richard. **This Book Just Ate My Dog**. When her dog disappears into the gutter of the book, Bella calls for help. But when the helpers disappear too, Bella realizes it will take more than a tug on the leash to put things right.

Dyckman, Ame. **Wolfie the Bunny**. When her parents find a baby wolf on their doorstep and decide to raise him as their own, Dot is certain he will eat them all up, until a surprising encounter with a bear brings them closer together.

Henkes, Kevin. **Waiting**. An owl, puppy, bear, bunny, and pig wait for marvelous things to happen.

Jeffers, Oliver. **A Child of Books**. A little girl sails her raft across a sea of words, arriving at the house of a small boy and calling him away on an adventure. Through forests of fairy tales and across mountains of make-believe, the two travel together on a fantastical journey that unlocks the boy's imagination.

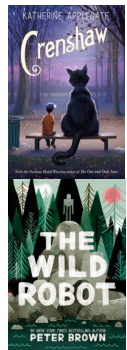
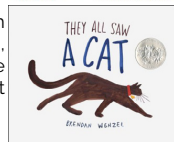
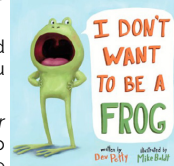
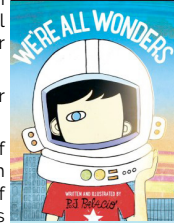
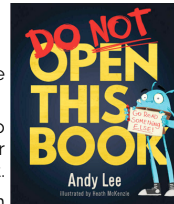
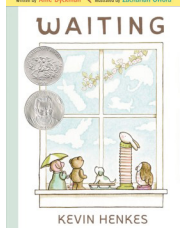
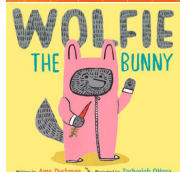
Lee, Andy. **Do Not Open This Book**. This fun story will delight children and adults alike. Keep turning the pages and find out what happens when you reach the end, if you dare!

Palacio, R.J. **We're All Wonders**. Auggie, from the bestselling novel *Wonder* (2012), returns as a picture-book protagonist. Though Auggie tries to do the normal things other kids do—ride a bike, eat ice cream, play ball—he doesn't look like other kids.

Petty, Dev. **I Don't Want to Be a Frog**. A frog who yearns to be any animal that is cute and warm discovers that being wet, slimy, and full of bugs has its advantages.

Rex, Adam. **School's First Day of School**. It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself. What will the children do once they come? Will they like the school? Will they be nice to him?

Wenzel, Brendan. **They All Saw a Cat**. The cat walked through the world, with its whiskers, ears, and paws . . . In this glorious celebration of observation, curiosity, and imagination, Brendan Wenzel shows us the many lives of one cat, and how perspective shapes what we see. When you see a cat, what do you see?



MIDDLE READERS (grades 3-5)

Applegate, Katherine. **Crenshaw**. Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent. And not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Again.

Brown, Peter. **The Wild Robot**. Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Raymie Nightingale**. Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.

Grabenstein, Chris. **Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics**. Mr. Lemoncello has invited teams from all across America to compete in the first ever LIBRARY OLYMPICS...but someone is trying to censor what the kids are reading.



Kelly, Erin Entrada. **Hello, Universe**. The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Pax**. Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.

Pilkey, Dav. **Dog Man**. A policeman and his police dog fail to defuse a bomb, and the ensuing explosion kills the officer's head and the dog's body. The solution? Graft the dog's head onto the man's body to create the "world's greatest cop."

Shurtliff, Liesl. **Jack: The True Story of Jack and the Beanstalk**. Jack, after trading his mother's milk cow for magic beans, climbs a beanstalk to seek his missing father in the land of giants.

Telgemeier, Raina. **Ghosts**. Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis. Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts. Maya sets her heart on meeting one.

Yamada, Kobi. **What Do You Do With an Idea?** This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. It's a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed too big, too odd, too difficult. It is a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it space to grow, and to see what happens next.



OLDER READERS (grades 6-8)

Barnhill, Kelly Regan. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**. An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Cheng, Jack. **See You in the Cosmos**. Eleven-year-old Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on a golden iPod he intends to launch into space.

Gidwitz, Adam. **The Inquisitor's Tale**. Crossing paths at an inn, thirteenth-century travelers impart the tales of a monastery oblate, a Jewish refugee, and a psychic peasant girl with a loyal greyhound, the three of whom join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution.

Lin, Grace. **When the Sea Turned to Silver**. Pinmei, a storyteller's granddaughter, must find the Luminous Stone that Lights the Night to rescue her grandmother, who has been kidnapped by the Tiger Emperor.

Loux, Matthew. **The Time Museum**. When Delia finds herself working at the Time Museum, the last thing she expects is to be sent on time-traveling adventures with an unlikely gang of kids from across the eons. From a cave-boy to a girl from the distant future, Delia's team represents nearly all of human history! They're going to need all their skills for the challenge they've got in store . . . defending the Time Museum itself!

Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost**. Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

Stelson, Caren Barzelay. **Sachiko: a Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story**. This striking work of narrative nonfiction tells the true story of six-year-old Sachiko Yasui's survival of the Nagasaki atomic bomb on August 9, 1945 and the heartbreaking and lifelong aftermath.

Vivat, Booki. **Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom**. Nervous about middle school because she is worried about finding her place, Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light.

